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Dear New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of New Hampshire regarding the proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Pipeline, which Kinder Morgan and its allies would like to build partially through sections of New Hampshire, due to opposition in some communities in Massachusetts. AS A CITIZEN, LOCAL RESIDENT AND EDUCATOR, I AM OPPOSED TO THE PIPELINE for several reasons.

First of all, we should be shifting our focus away from gas and oil energy consumption towards renewable energy now due to climate change concerns. This pipeline would just contribute to our worsening global climate with all this entails.

Secondly, this proposed pipeline provides no real benefits to New Hampshire citizens while the costs of environmental destruction and other costs will be picked up by us. The primary winners will be the corporations and perhaps export consumers outside of the United States.

Thirdly, while I do not live in a community directly impacted by the pipeline, I believe we will all be impacted by it in one way or another. It is time for us to treat the earth with respect, and not misuse it through fracking and other practices destructive to our rocks and waters.

I urge you to please use your position and influence to oppose this pipeline, and keep it from being built in New Hampshire.

Many thanks for your consideration,

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